

BILL 10 (2012) – BAGS PROVIDED TO CUSTOMERS. Regulating the use of nonbiodegradable plastic bags and certain other bags provided to customers.

I wish to submit testimony regarding bill 10, the City Council's bill to regulate non-biodegradeable plastic bags for the county. This bill is a poor attempt at changing consumer behavior, by addressing only a portion of the problem, which may cause even more cost being borne by our already taxed consumers. The council should spend the time understanding the full scope of the problem, and how a total fee for use for both plastic and paper single use bags have worked in other jurisdictions.

Additionally, by allotting a portion of the fee to be given to retailers, to offset the additional transaction time and costs, ultimately the expense will be placed where it is created. Reward those who bring in their own reusable bags, eliminate the options, and paper is a significantly more expense option, and the public will respond.

Is there effective leadership on the council that can move to make this happen? We, in business, wait in anticipation.

Mahalo,

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